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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LASER WELDING OF RIBBONS FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

X Patent Application Transmittal

X Specification:

Total pages: 18 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 14 sheets; Claims 3 sheets; Abstract 1

X Drawings:

Total sheets: 4

☐ formal ☒ informal

☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

☐ executed

☒ copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

☒ Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*

X Accompanying application parts:

☐ Notification of filing a

☐ Assignment of the Invention to Medtronic, Inc.

☐ Assignment cover sheet

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ PTO Form 1449

☐ Copies of IDS citations

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.

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IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application serial number 10/280,965, filed October 25, 2002, now issued as USPN 6,717,100, which is a divisional of serial number 09/688,427, filed October 16, 2000, issued as USPN 6,501,043.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a divisional of prior application serial number 10/280,965, filed October 25, 2002, now issued as USPN 6,717,100, which is a divisional of serial number 09/688,427, filed October 16, 2000, issued as USPN 6,501,043.

☐ Cancel in this application original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.

☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Paul H. McDowall

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) _____, filed _____.

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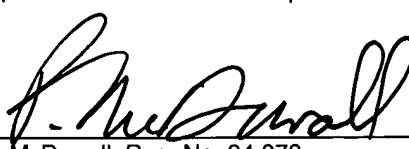
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Total Claims	21	20	=	1	x 18	\$18.00
Independent Claims	3	3	=	0	x 86	\$0.00
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